

***Remarks***

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 27-32, 34, 36, 65-73 and 81-83 are pending in the application, with claims 27, 28, 72 and 73 being the independent claims. Claims 62, 63, 77 and 78 are sought to be cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 27-32, 34, 36, 65-73 and 81-83 are allowed.

***Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph***

Claims 62, 63, 77 and 78 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. Not in acquiescence to the propriety of the rejection, but rather solely to advance prosecution, Applicants have cancelled claims 62, 63, 77 and 78. Therefore, the rejection has been rendered moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

***Conclusion***

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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